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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!

The Siege Continues ...

This week in Texas history, the siege of the Alamo lingers on ...

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in the World.... I shall never surrender or retreat.... Victory or Death!"

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Day Three - February 25, 1836

The Mexican bombardment continued through the morning of February 25. At approximately 10 a.m. about 200–300 Mexican soldiers, primarily cazadores from the Matamoras Battalion, crossed the San Antonio river and took cover in abandoned shacks approximately 90 to 100 yards from the Alamo walls. The Mexican soldiers were intending to use the huts as cover to erect another artillery battery, although many Texians assumed they were actually launching an assault on the fort. Travis called for volunteers to burn the huts, despite the fact that it was broad daylight and they would be within **musket** range of the Mexican soldiers. Charles Despallier, Robert Brown, James Rose and a few others volunteered for the mission. To provide cover, Dickinson and his men fired their 8-lb cannons, filled with grapeshot and canister, at the Mexican soldiers in the huts. Crockett and his men fired rifles, while other Texians reloaded extra weapons for them. Within two hours the battle was over. As soon as the Texians saw flames erupting from the huts they threw open the Alamo gate, and the Texians re-entered the Alamo. The Mexican soldiers retreated, after six of their soldiers were killed and four wounded, while several Texians had been mildly scratched by flying rock.

That afternoon Mexican soldiers were posted east of the Alamo, on the road to Gonzales. Santa Anna learned that a beautiful 17-year-old girl, Melchora Barrera, and her widowed mother had remained in town and he dispatched one of his men to ask the girl to be Santa Anna's mistress. The girl's mother refused the offer and, although Santa Anna was already married, one of his officers dressed up as a priest and performed a marriage ceremony. Santa Anna then retired to enjoy a honeymoon.

Travis wrote another letter requesting help and the Texian officers voted that Juan Seguin should carry the message. The Texians believed that none of the other couriers had made it through the Mexican lines, and told Travis that Seguin's knowledge of Spanish would help him to avoid capture by Mexican patrols. Seguin, riding Bowie's horse, which was the fastest in the mission, and his aide Antonio Cruz left about 9 pm. Seguin did not expect to survive the mission; he and Cruz encountered a Mexican cavalry patrol but were able to escape using their knowledge of Spanish and the local terrain.

After dark, a small party of Texians left the Alamo to burn down more of the huts; all were able to return to the Alamo without injury.

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Day Four – Friday February 26, 1836

The Texians burned more jacales (small thatched roof huts) during the night. It soon became obvious that the Alamo's water well would not supply the needs of a 150+ people in the garrison. They would have to obtain water from the nearby acequia (irrigation ditch). The overnight arrival of a norther dropped the temperatures to near freezing. As daylight broke, a Texian foray went outside the walls to obtain water and wood. A small skirmish

erupted with the Mexican troops and Mexican casualties were slightly heavier than in earlier fights due to the Texian's eastern-facing cannon.

Day Five – Saturday February 27, 1836

The fifth day of the siege was again cold with temperatures ranging in the 30s. Having exhausted their own supplies, the Mexicans pillaged Bexar of foodstuffs and perishables. When they in turn depleted these, they sent troops to nearby ranchos to forage livestock and corn. In a decisive move, the Mexicans cut off the eastern acequia's water supply at its source: the San Antonio River. Not only did this end the minor skirmishes that had taken place from the beginning of the siege; it essentially eliminated the defender's major source of water.

General Gaona received Santa Anna's letter of the 25th requesting him to send three battalions as quickly as possible. Gaona immediately complied, yet failed to forward any heavy siege guns because Santa Anna neglected to include this request in his dispatch.

Day Six – Sunday February 28, 1836

Mexicans receive intelligence that 200 Texian reinforcements from Goliad are en route to the Alamo. The morale within the compound is high. According to Mrs. Dickinson, Crockett took up a fiddle and challenged John McGregor, a Scot with bagpipes, to a contest of instruments.

Day Seven – Monday February 29, 1836

The Mexican's Jimenez battalion and the cavalry under command of General Ramirez y Sesma are ordered down the Goliad road to intercept any reinforcements that might have been sent by Fannin. The Mexicans propose a three-day armistice and several Tejanos leave Alamo during the cease-fire.

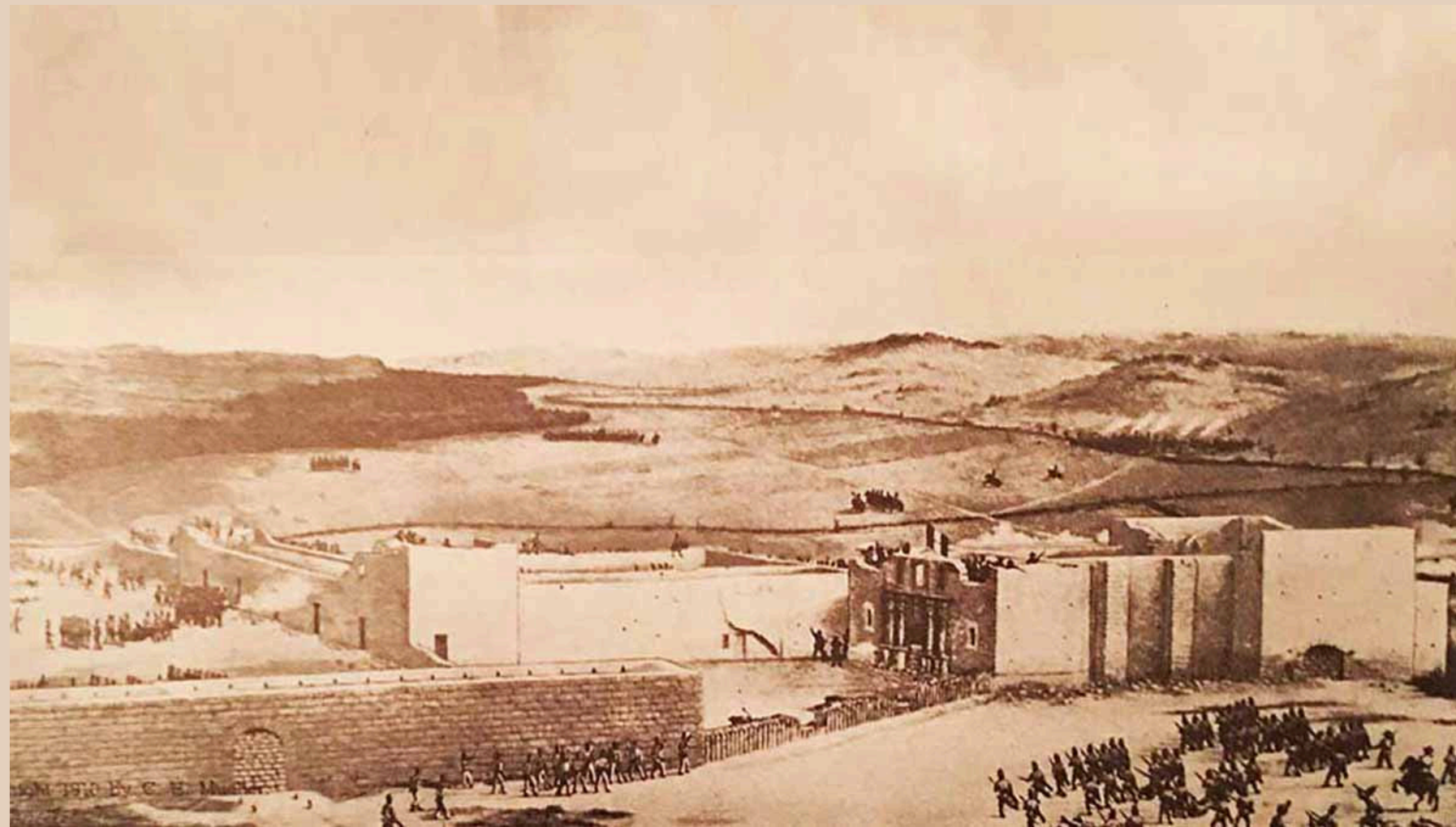
Day Eight – Tuesday March 1, 1836

Thirty-two reinforcements from Gonzales arrive. General Sesma advances towards Goliad to seek out Texian reinforcements coming to the aid of the Alamo. Finding none, he returns to Bexar. The Alamo's 12-pound gunnade fires two shots, one of them hitting Santa Anna's headquarters.

Day Nine – Wednesday March 2, 1836

Travis receives a report that there is corn at the Seguin ranch. He sends a detachment headed by Lt. Menchaca to retrieve it. Mexican forces discover a hidden road within pistol shot of the Alamo and post the Jimenez battalion there to cover it.

Unknown to the defenders, Independence has been declared at Washington-on-the-Brazos. . .



There's A Day For Everything

In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**
Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

February 25th - National Clam Chowder Day, National Chocolate Covered Nut Day

February 26th - National Letter To An Elder Day, National Set A Good Example Day, National Tell A Fairy Tale Day, National Pistachio Day

February 27th - National Anosmia Awareness Day, National Retro Day, National Polar Bear Day, National Strawberry Day, National Kahlua Day

February 28th - National Chocolate Soufflé Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, National Floral Design Day, National Public Sleeping Day

February 29th - National Time Refund Day, National Toast Day, National Leap Day, National Rare Disease Day

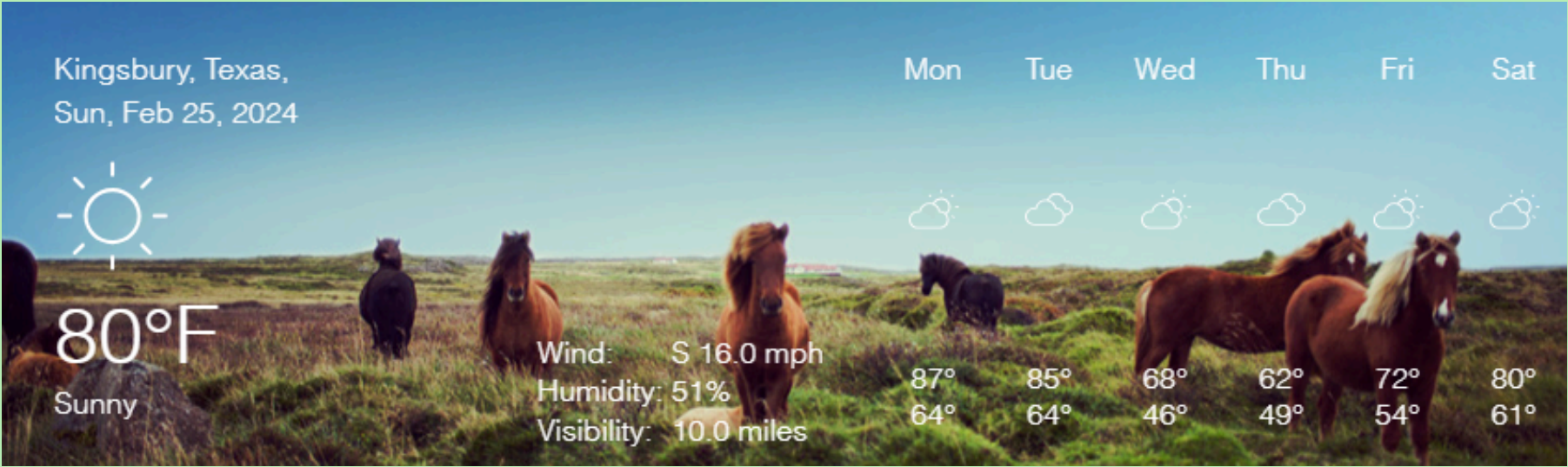
March 1st - National Sunkist® Citrus Day, National Self-Injury Awareness Day, National Minnesota Day, National Dress in Blue Day, National Speech and Debate Education Day, National Dadgum That's Good Day, National Employee Appreciation Day, National Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Day), National Horse Protection Day, National Fruit Compote Day, National Pig Day, National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

March 2nd - National Play Outside Day, National Banana Cream Pie Day, National Old Stuff Day



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).



For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the

Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.



[Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

Here Comes March!

This week sees the first days of March. For some of us it's an unsettling month: no longer winter, not quite spring, even though the official First Day of Spring usually falls around March 20th with the vernal equinox. As we march into March, entertain your brain with some fun facts about our third month.

First of all, March was not always the third month. For the **ancient** Romans, it was the first month of the year and was named after Mars, the god of war. This could go a long way toward explaining some of the fierce weather that can occur in this month and the familiar saying that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb."



It might also explain why one of the traditional birthstones for March is the bloodstone, marked by red flecks against its green surface and sometimes referred to as the martyr's stone. It symbolizes courage and endurance.



But the alternate birthstone is the more tranquil aquamarine with its distinctive seawater blue coloration. It is said to confer safety during sea voyages.



The official March flower is the daffodil or jonquil. It's one of the first flowers to bloom as spring draws near, making it the flower of rebirth, along with other meanings such as friendship and respect. Its traditional sunny yellow color makes it the perfect cheerful flower for celebrating the end of winter.

MARCH WEATHER LORE



When March has April weather, April will have March weather.



Thunder in March betokens a fruitful year.



Dust in March brings grass and foliage.



A March Sun sticks like a lock of wool.



~~ March is also ~~

National Sauce Month

National Noodle Month

Irish-American Heritage Month

National Frozen Food Month

National Flour Month

Women's History Month

National Craft Month

National Celery Month

National Kidney Month

National Peanut Month

National Umbrella Month

National Asset Management Awareness Month



Card Raffle

Local artisan Sam Nunemaker has donated some absolutely beautiful handmade knives for a Playing Card Raffle with all proceeds going to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department.

The cards are \$20 and can be purchased at the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street where the knives are on display. There is a different deck of cards for each knife so get a card for your favorite knife or try for both!

Go on by the store and take a look at the craftsmanship of the Damascus steel blades and the **stunning** handmade handles with inlay.

The drawings will be held March 7th at the Kingsbury Country Store. Good Luck!!



**PLAYING CARD
RAFFLE!**

For Beautiful
Handmade
Knives Donated
By Sam
Nunemaker

\$20 per card

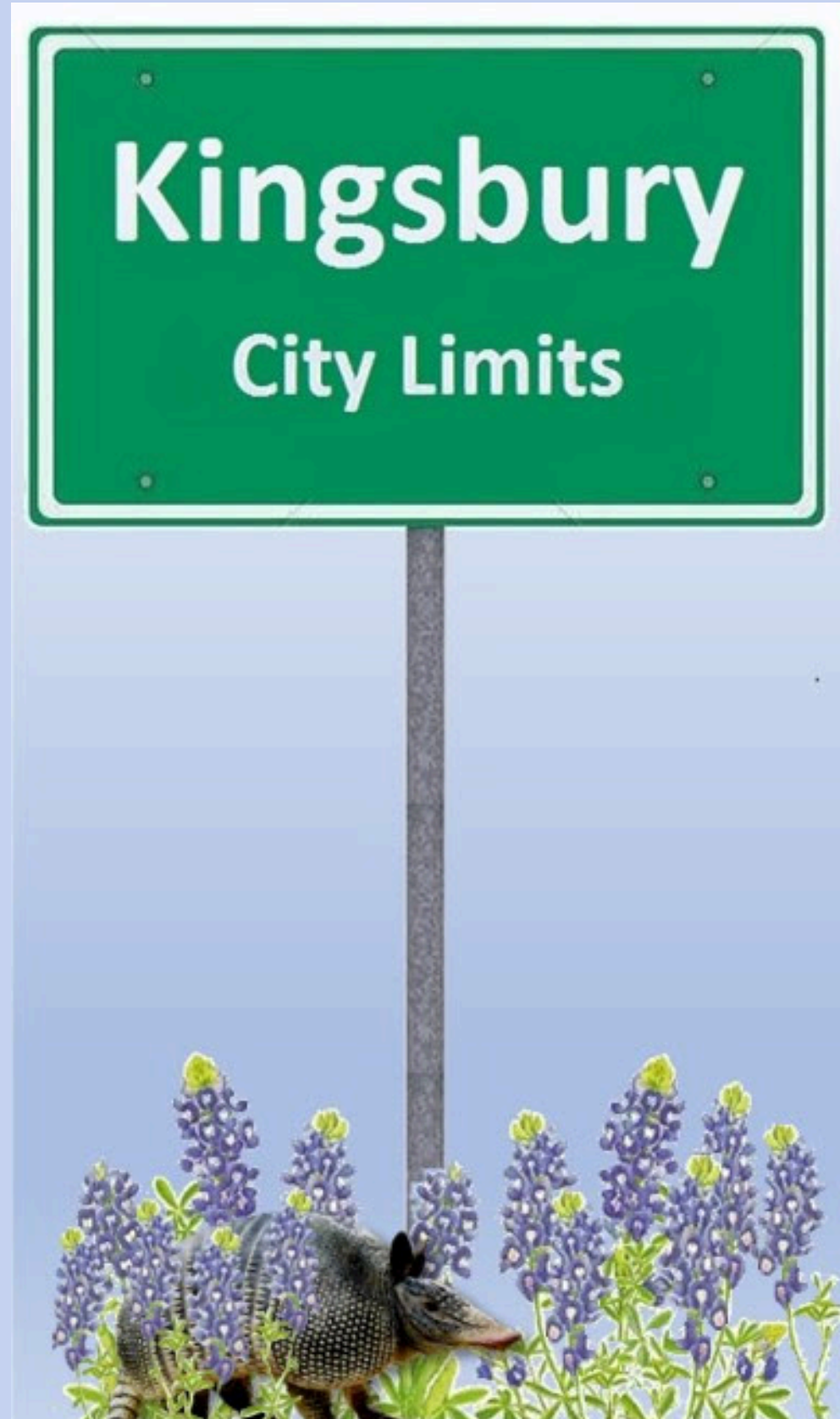
All proceeds
go to the
Kingsbury VFD

Kingsbury City Limits

Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of our Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

Also, check out the Kingsbury "[Blog](#)" to see pictures of the first voluntary annexations! Need more information? Just fill out the "Contact" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) and a city official will get it to you. It's so easy!

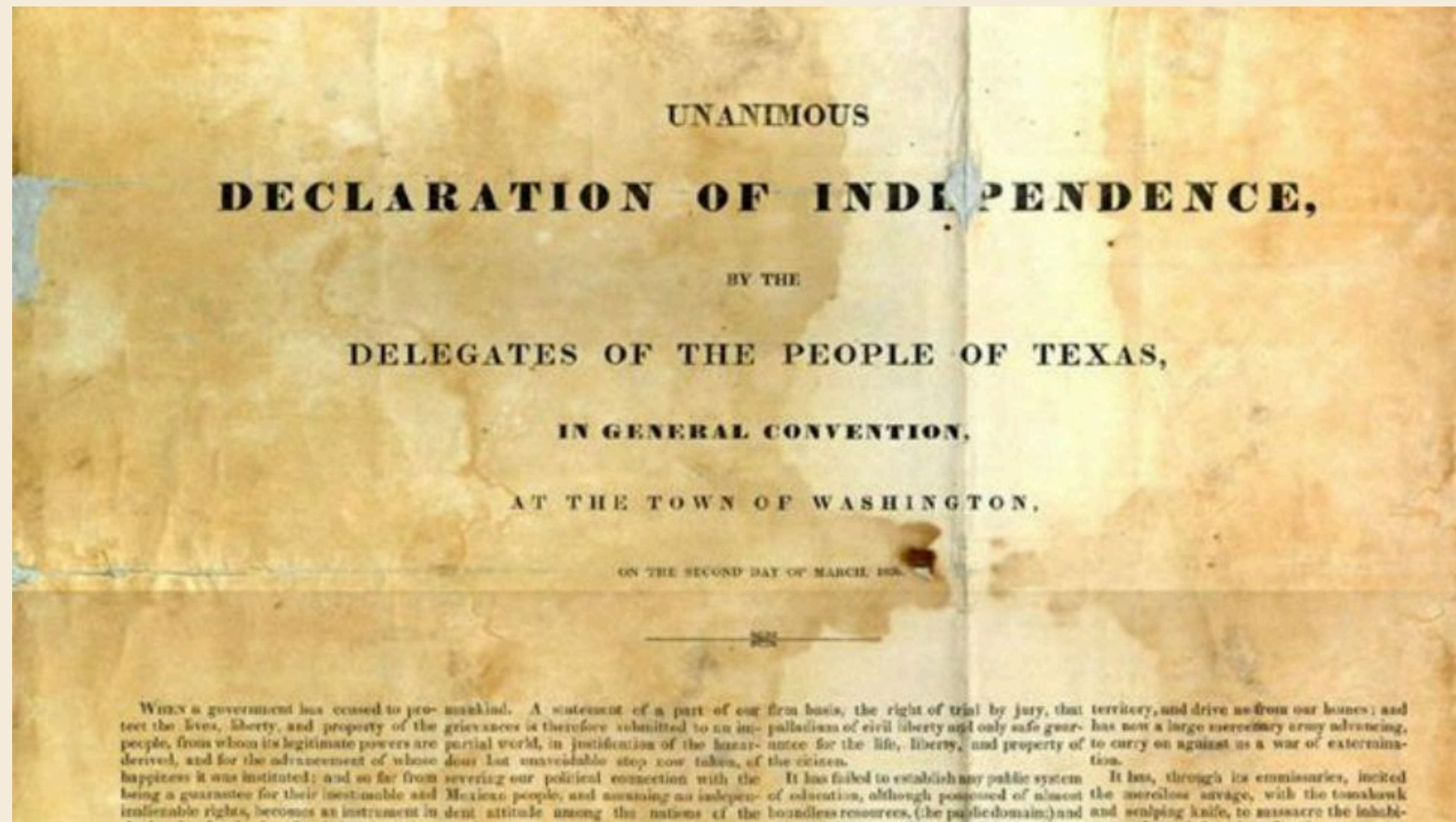


Texas Independence Day

This week in Texas history, on March 2nd in 1836, Texas became a republic.

On March 1st, 59 delegates from the seventeen Mexican municipalities of Texas and the settlement of Pecan Point met at Washington-on-the-Brazos to consider independence from Mexico. George C. Childress presented a resolution calling for independence, and the chairman of the convention appointed Childress to head a committee of five to draft a **declaration** of independence.

In the early morning hours of March 2nd, the convention voted unanimously to accept the resolution. After fifty-eight members signed the document, Texas became the Republic of Texas.



Chili Cookoff



Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury

Chili

COOK-OFF



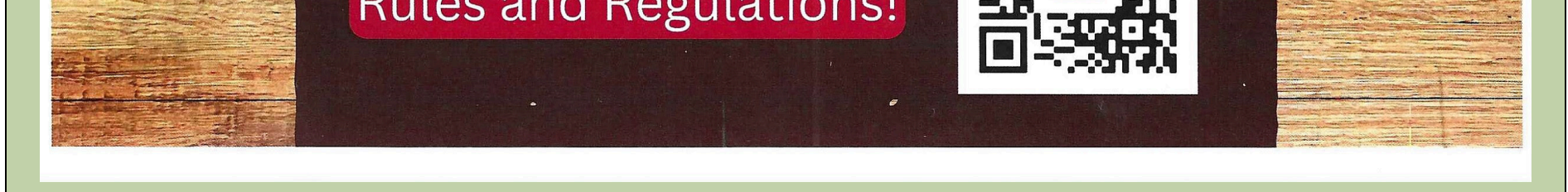
Join us for our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff!
Chili, Bean, and Bloody Mary Tastings

Saturday March 30

Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury
620 Railway St, Kingsbury, TX 78638

Scan the QR Code for
Rules and Regulations!






Kingsbury Calendar

Do you have a meeting or public event that you want people to **know** about? Just let us know and we'll get it into the Kingsbury Newsletter and on the [Calendar](#) page of kingsburytexas.org!

Get in touch by replying to this email or by going to the Contact page on the Kingsbury [website](#).

It's a great way to find out what's going on around town and to let others know what meetings or events you have planned that your friends and neighbors might like to attend.

KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) 

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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 12:00pm M...	29	30	31	1 First Day of ... 7:30pm KfV...	2 Groundhog ...	3
4 12:00pm M...	5 9:30am Trail...	6	7	8	9	10 10:00am Fa... 3:00pm City...
11 12:00pm M...	12	13 6:30pm Dev...	14 Valentine's D... 5:30pm Ban...	15	16	17 Volunteer W...
18 12:00pm M...	19 Presidents' D... 6:30pm Kin...	20	21	22	23	24 Full Snow M...
25 12:00pm M...	26	27	28	29	1 First Day of ...	2

Primary Elections

The elections for the Primary races will be held March 5, 2024.

Here are some **upcoming** important dates to remember for those elections:



Friday, March 1 -- Last Day to Early Vote

Tuesday, March 5 -- Election Day



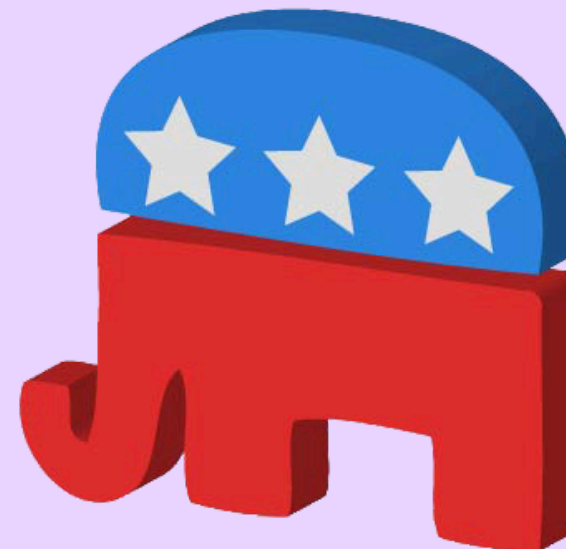
Election Day polling locations in or near Kingsbury:

Kingsbury United Methodist Church - 7035 FM 2438

Brick & Blossom Event Center (Staples Baptist Church) - [10020 FM 621](#), Staples

Maranatha Fellowship Hall - 2356 S. Hwy 80, Luling

The latest information including sample ballots and polling locations, can be found on the Guadalupe County Elections [website](#).



As you probably know, 2024 is a leap year and Thursday, February 29th is the Leap Day.

A leap year is a year containing one additional day added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year. Because seasons and astronomical events do not repeat in a whole number of days, calendars that have the same number of days in each year drift over time with respect to the event that the year is supposed to track. By inserting an additional day or month into the year, the **drift** can be corrected. A year that is not a leap year is called a common year.

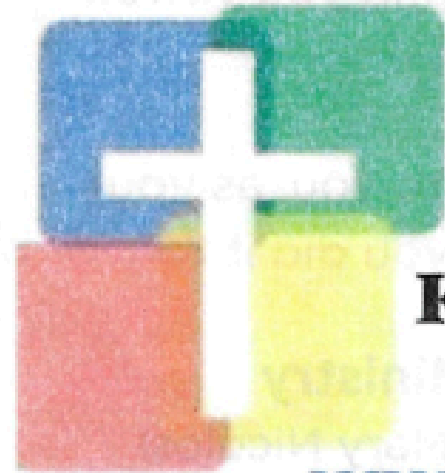
The name "leap year" comes from the fact that while a fixed date in the calendar normally advances one day of the week from one year to the next, the day of the week in the 12 months following the leap day (from March 1 through February 28 of the following year) will advance two days due to the extra day (thus "leaping over" one of the days in the week). For example, Christmas fell on Saturday in 2021, Sunday in 2022, and Monday in 2023 but will "leap" over Tuesday to fall on a Wednesday this year in 2024.



Food Pantry and Thrift Store

KINGSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

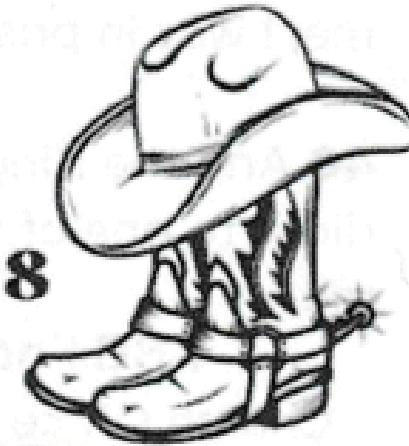
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Model T Raffle

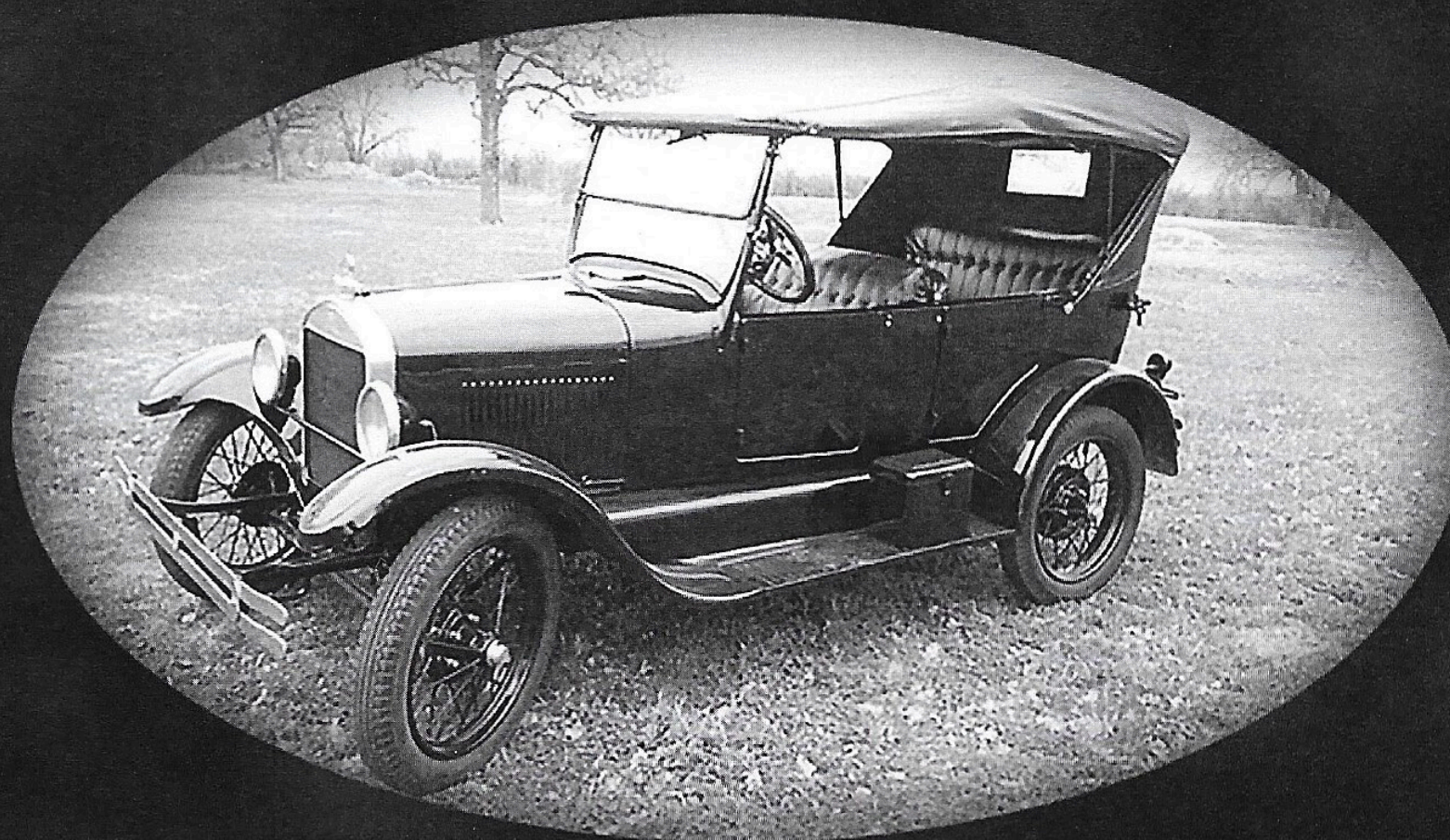
The Pioneer Flight Museum here in Kingsbury is raffling off a **real** model T !

Details are below and more are available at <https://pioneerflightmuseum.org/raffle/>

The drawing will be May 4th, 2024 at the Spring Fly-In.

Win This Car

Drawing: May 4, 2024



1927 Ford Model T Touring Car

- Raffle -

Drawing will be held at the Pioneer Flight Museum "Wings & Wheels" Event at 1:00 PM

Winner need not be present to win.

Pioneer Flight Museum is a
501(c)(3) non profit
organization dedicated to the
history of aviation and
transportation.

Ticket
Price **\$50**

Ticket price is a donation to
the museum, all proceeds
will be used for the
maintenance, operation and
expansion of the museum.

Winner will be announced at the event, on our website and facebook page. Winner is responsible for all taxes, titling, licensing and any other fees associated with winning this car.

For a complete list of the rules and to buy tickets online please visit:

PioneerFlightMuseum.org/Raffle

Kingsbury School In Snow

A wonderful picture of the old red brick Kingsbury schoolhouse in the snow.

We know from February 2021 (or January 1985!) that it can indeed snow quite a bit in Kingsbury when Mother Nature sees fit to give us some **crazy** weather.

The guys here are in some great bloomers and high boots and have some awesome hats on. It doesn't look like the snow is deep, but any snow is a chance for some pictures!



Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](#), click on the weird little **dog** at the bottom of any page, and fill out their name and email address. It's so easy! Let's get everybody to be "in the know" about what's going on in their community.



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